REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-26 were provisionally rejected as an obviousness-type double patent over claims 1-15 of co-pending application Serial No. 10005506.

The claims in co-pending application Serial No. 10005506 were amended in January 2005. Provided that the double patenting rejection is maintained and made non-provisional given the amendments to co-pending application Serial No. 10-005506, applicants will provide a terminal disclaimer when the double patenting rejection is made final.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner still believes that there are unresolved issues, he is invited to call applicants' attorney so that arrangements may be made to discuss and resolve any such issues.

In the event that an extension of time is required for this amendment to be considered timely, and a petition therefor does not otherwise accompany this amendment, any necessary extension of time is hereby petitioned for, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate cost of such petition to the Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No. 12-2325.

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